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Highway collision

Didsbury Fire Dept. and RCMP, Mountain View Regional Services, and Innisfail Freeway try to piece together what happened to cause an early morning crash on Highway 2 by the Didsbury overpass on Monday.

RCMP say two trucks were heading southbound when one hit the other from behind, casing it to roll several times before entering northbound traffic. Two people were driving in the truck that struck the other one, a male and a female, and one male was in the other truck. All three people were taken to the hospital, none with life threatening injuries.

RCMP say the truck that caused the collision was reported stolen from the Edmonton area. The investigation is still ongoing.



photos by Tamara Collins

Carstairs family finds new hope for treating their blindness, at great cost

by Tamara Collins

Judy Taylor can remember the moment she was told she would go blind, she was holding her baby daughter, but her worst fears came true years later when she discovered her two sons would also lose their sight.

Judy, Landon age 28, and Lowell age 23, all suffer from Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) which caused Judy's father to lose his sight gradually over 20 years. Now blind for 40 years Ola Danielson understands the pain his daughter and grandsons were feeling, that is until they met Dr. Yu.

"I remember as a little girl I could not see in the dark," said Judy. "I would bump into things. I was not diagnosed till I was 25 years old. I can still remember the day."

Taylor and her husband Brian, from Carstairs, have three daughters and two sons, none of the girls suffer from RP.

"Throughout history it is always passed down, but men usually have it worse," said Taylor. "My grandma had it, then my dad, then me, then the boys. The boys are much further along than I am."

RP is the name given to a group of degenerative diseases of the retina. The retina, at the back of the eye, is a thin sheet of interconnected nerve cells including the light sensitive cells (cones) and dark sensitive cells (rods). It is here that light is converted into electrical signals to the brain where "seeing" takes place. In RP the rod and cone cells degenerate. Depending on the type of RP, the rate of progression varies.

Judy first noticed the boys

were having trouble seeing when they were very little and in the dark.

"They were tested and diagnosed at age five, even before they started school," said Judy.

Both Landon and Lowell have quit driving, and they have had to leave many jobs because of their sight.

"All hope was lost for a normal future," said Judy. "Then we met Dr. Yu."

For years Judy collected binders of information about the latest treatments, but they are still 15 to 20 years away from finding a cure.

"Our Retina Specialists and Geneticist continue to say 'There is nothing we can do to help you or your boys.' It was the most difficult challenge of my life watching both sons lose their night vision, then their depth perception, then their

peripheral vision, their ability to play sports, ability to drive in cloudy conditions, and lose jobs because of their sight. The worst part was watching them go through grief, anger, discouragement and despair," said Judy. "For several years we had been hearing about this doctor in Vancouver who has had a success in not just slowing and stopping retinal deterioration (RP), but actually reversing it."

Dr. Yu is trained in Western and Chinese medicine. He received his Masters in Belgium and returned to China as a researcher where a huge part of the population has RP, so they are way ahead of the West in understanding it. Dr. Yu has written over fifty medical papers and books, and was on the 1995 International Who's Who List of Intellectuals out of Cambridge England.

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NEWS



May Monarch grade reps

Top left: Grade 11 reps Allie McCoy and Justin Patten.
Top right: Grade 9 reps Dayna Hadway and Zack Pochapsky.
Bottom left: Grade 12 reps Kathryn Simon and Josh Braun.
Bottom right: Grade 10 reps Zack Owen and Kayla Timmins.
May Monarch starts this week, so if you have any jobs for the Didsbury High School students please call the school. All proceeds go to student council.

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MVC's approval of project upsets Shea

by Tamara Collins

Mountain View County (MVC) councillors were not prepared for fellow councilor Arnie Shea's reaction to council approving the Molmac Environmental Project last week at their council meeting.

Shea left the council table prior to the Molmac discussion on Wednesday due to a conflict of interest. Shea lives in the Molmac area and has been fighting against the project for the past five years. The project's purpose is to stop the further erosion of the river which is eroding the subdivision near Sundre.

Once council voted on the issue, Shea came back to the table and exploded at Harold Johnsrude, MVC Commissioner, accusing him of withholding information about the project, and threatened to resign his position as councillor.

"This was a sham and it was corrupt, every bit of it is corrupt," said Shea. "The assessment review hearings were corrupted, the municipal government board was corrupted, all the way through corrupt."

The project is expected to cost \$630,000 (last year's estimate), which will put large mountain rocks in place to redirect water and prevent further damage. County was approved for a provincial grant for \$275,000 for the project, leaving \$355,000 of expense. Council agreed the Molmac residents could pay that off through a local tax improvement fee, which would be tacked onto their taxes each year. The County would be on a 20 year borrowing term, and residents would pay them based on a low, medium, high risk formula, those at the highest risk paying the most.

Shea feels this is unjust and that the County is liable and should foot the entire bill. According to their legal council they are not liable. Shea disagrees, saying there are five similar court cases where municipalities have been forced to pay for the cost of environmental issues.

"Our legal council is well aware of all the cases that involve environmental issues. He (our lawyer) is very well aware of the issues regarding the Molmac matter and through the review of those previous cases, he found the County not liable," said Johnsrude. "County council of that day met with legal council to determine the County's position regarding liability. The County did not take the position of expecting any liability because the County does not have any liability. Our legal council has reviewed all the documents regarding this matter."

Shea decided not to resign until a Corporate Review was done by George Cuff in the fall.

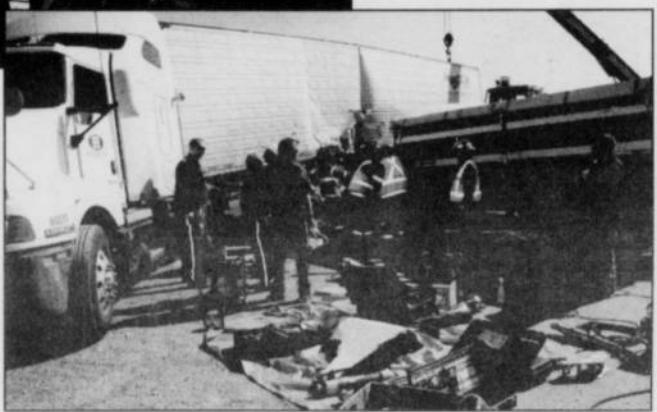
"I believe administration acted on the best knowledge that was given to them by both previous council, this council, and through legal advice," said Reeve Al Kemmere. To have accusations directed at one person I feel is unfair. I just want to make sure people at this table realize that our administration is our support structure, I am offering my support to council. Arnie has made accusations and I just want to offer my support back to administration that I believe they have exercised all proper angles. Until proven otherwise I don't support Arnie's accusations at all."



Collision traps driver

photos by Tamara Collins

Olds Fire and RCMP respond to a collision on Highway 2A, one km from Olds. A grain truck struck a semi, and the grain truck driver was trapped in his vehicle under the semi for over two hours as crew worked to get him out. He was then taken to the hospital by Mountain View Regional Emergency Services.



County gets clean audit

by Shawne Mohl

The checks and balances of Mountain View County's \$33 million budget appear to be in place, according to the County's auditors, who gave council a clean bill last week.

According to Robert Fischer, of Red Deer based accounting firm Collins Barrows, there were no major points of contention with the way that the financials are handled with Mountain View County, and administration seem to be doing a good job at keeping the fiscal house in order.

"The purpose of an audit is for us to examine the financial statements to make sure the financial picture of the County is correct," Fischer said.

Fischer explained that an audit doesn't involve his firm going in and looking at every single receipt and transaction, however, they do test the controls and ensure that bills are being paid properly and everything is going through the right channels before a cheque goes out the door.

"We were able to give a clean audit. Everything seemed to check out fine, he added."

The County's Director of Finance Greg Weins, says he was personally happy with the audit, and says it was obviously no surprise that the County received a clean audit, as they have the last number of years.

"This is fairly standard practice," Weins said. It's a standard thing that we go through each year, under the Municipal Government Act, and it gives council confidence that things are working well and that all the checks and balances are in

place.

An auditors committee was established, which consisted of Councillors Charlie Van Arnam and Arnie Shea, who both applauded the audit process.

"Our job as audit committee is to ensure that the audit is done and to ensure that taxpayers are represented in the audit process. We act as council's eyes on the audit," explained Van Arnam.

Van Arnam also explained to his council members that he and Shea, as the audit committee, sat down with the auditors 'without management present' in case there were any concerns they wanted to discuss.

"We sat down without management present, which is common practice, in case they ever want to tell us of any problems," Van Arnam said. "But, it came through as a clean audit, as expected."

Van Arnam says that sitting down with the auditors, without management around, is just an extra tool used to ensure that taxpayer's money is being spent and handled properly.

According to Weins there were some recommendations put forward in writing by the auditors as suggestions for management to improve the financial workings.

None of the recommendations were items pointing in any wrong doing of the County's administration.

"Generally they are items that they may have come across that would maybe help improve the process. None of their recommendations were viewed as things we were doing wrong. It's more management pointers and things like that," Weins explained.

Council approves grants as part of the financials, a

number of community grants were approved at last Wednesday's regular council meeting, April 27. A grand total of \$14,200 was approved under the County Rural Community Grant Program.

The grants are as follows: The Air Cadet's received \$1,000 for roof repairs to the Netook Gliding Centre; \$1,500 will be received for washroom renovations and tables for the Bergen Community Association; The Eagle Valley Community Club will be receiving \$1,000 for work on a history book; The hardworking Carstairs based group Friends of Rescuing the Carstairs Elevator (FORCE) will receive \$2,000 to put towards a replica elevator, which will be constructed and used to remember the elevator era and also double as an information centre for the community; \$1,000 will be awarded to the James River Bridge Association, the balance to be raised by the Association.

Mountain View Charaliers will receive \$1,000 for bus trips, hall rental and other services; \$500 will be given towards the Reed Ranch Time Capsule, to help celebrate the Province's 100th birthday; The Rugby Recreational Society will receive up to \$2,000 for washroom renovations to accommodate the handicapped; Harmattan's St. George's Anglican Church will receive \$500 to maintain their church; Westerdale Community Association will receive \$1,000 for association capital and operating as well as another \$1,000 to put towards a history book; The Zella Community Association will receive \$1,000 for costs which everyone seems to be struggling with electricity, propane and insurance.



Arnie Shea yells at the Mountain View County Commissioner at the last council meeting, accusing him of withholding information about a project.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

County conduct

I attended the Mountain View County Council meeting this past Wednesday and I was shocked at what went on. I have never seen such actions from a council member at a public meeting ever, like what I witnessed that day.

Councillor Arnie Shea blew up at the Commissioner, accusing him of withholding information about the Molmac Environmental project, and yelling loudly at the council table threatening to resign and even sue the County.

I am confused, are these people not suppose to be on the same side?

I felt embarrassed for the rest of the people sitting around that table, after looking at their shocked faces.

Shea never apologized to the council, administration or any of the public for his outburst. In fact, he still maintains that what he said was true, even after almost every other council member disagrees.

I think maybe it is time to learn the responsibility that comes with title of County councillor, and the proper way one is to conduct themselves at a public meeting, because that was unacceptable and irresponsible. People of the County deserve to know what really goes on.

TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

Ponderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

"Mothers"

Each of us have a special memory of 'Mother' - what is yours? I have memories of a very patient, kind, forgiving Mother, who sometimes became too lenient with us because of the very nature of who she was. I will never forget one occasion, when one Saturday instead of getting busy and doing my Saturday chores, I chose to go downtown shopping with a friend, fully anticipating doing my clean-up when I returned.

A couple of hours later returning home, I found my Mother had completed all my tasks as well as the many she had. This greatly disturbed me, but my Mother never said a word about it (not like me, that would have held forth for a time on the subject), but this silent message proved very much more powerful, and it was the last time I made a choice like that.

Often the special memories and the many reminders of things to be thankful for about "Mother" come to us after they have passed away. Time and time again we appreciate all they did for us, many times when we did not tell them so. And we regret that we were not as thoughtful, kind or loving as we could have been.

For those of you who are blessed enough to have your Mother still living, love her, and tell her you do, don't be afraid to tell her what you appreciate about her. Don't save it until its too late.

To all Mothers we acknowledge you this special day, but not only today on your special day, but every day, and Mothers!! Don't ever let anyone tell you, you don't work. (I had three children and there would be those who came to the door and asked me if I worked), this takes forgiveness!!!

God bless you all.



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Martin-Layton budget could lead to financial crisis, states Thompson

Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, was shocked this week when the Liberals and the NDP reached an agreement that involves NDP support for the government on confidence measures in exchange for major changes to the federal budget.

"This was a \$4.6 billion deal, using taxpayers' money, to keep a corrupt party in government. It's absolutely appalling that the Prime Minister would allow the socialist NDP to dictate budget policy. Together, they came up with a fiscal plan for the nation on the back of an envelope. This is simply a recipe for economic disaster," stated Thompson.

Thompson.

"I find it incredible that everyone who was left out of the budget in the first place, our farmers and fishermen, seniors and softwood lumber producers, remain left out, while millions will be spent on pet Liberal-NDP priorities."

"Once again, the businesses that create jobs and the hardworking Canadians who drive our economy, have had the door slammed in their faces by Jack Layton and Paul Martin," stated Thompson.

What's really shocking is that Finance Minister, Ralph Goodale warned the Opposition back on April 8, that a financial crises could ensue by tampering with the government's main money bill.

He stated: 'You can't go on stripping away piece by piece of the budget. You can't, after the fact, begin to cherry pick: we'll throw that out and we'll put that in, we'll stir this around and mix it all up again. That's not the way you maintain a coherent fiscal framework.'

If you engage in that exercise, it is an absolute, sure formula for the creation of a deficit.'

"It's obvious that our Prime Minister let Jack Layton pick a few cherries, so that he can keep picking our pockets," concluded Thompson.

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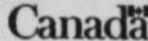
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FROM THE MAILBAG

RCMP shooting

Letter to the Editor:

The RCMP - James Roszko shootout on March 3, 2005 resulting in five deaths, in the Mayerthorpe area surely will be fully investigated by our provincial government employers of the RCMP.

The ill-prepared, ill-informed constables order to Roszko's farm by absent senior RCMP officers defies logic.

Given Roszko's history, his known arsenal, his two-year incarceration, his neighbor's fear of him and his abject distaste of the RCMP, young constables were deployed to his farm, protected only by sidearm (pistols) without benefit of a commanding officer.

The constables had been advised Roszko had fled his farm and was absent. They were indeed ill-advised. It argues facility. It argues professional police enforcement.

Prior to the constables entering Roszko's farm, an RCMP tactical team should have secured the area. That oversight contributed to the deadly encounter. Roszko executed his ambush without interference. Any other conclusion would be an absurd exaggeration.

To date, no publication of the names of the senior RCMP officers who gave the orders has been mentioned. They must be held accountable. Where were they on that fateful March 3, 2005? Behind the lines.

In summary: Unsubstantial weapons issued, no senior RCMP office present, Roszko's whereabouts inex-

cusably unknown, the area unsecured.

Front line combat zone leadership is the essence for success.

We the public demand a full investigation unbiased.

By comparison, an RCMP corporal and a RCMP sergeant simultaneously came to my farm to investigate a theft of my trees. On March 3, 2005 on Roszko's farm, no such consideration was afforded the constables.

Why?

The aftermath of the four murders has sadly left a dark shadow. We expect better.

The Alberta Government must conduct a thorough investigation satisfactory to the public.

Yours sincerely
W.M. F. McCafferty

Dear Editor:

I'm sure most everyone who took in the recent trade show entered their names in as many draws as possible. These were draws for "free" merchandise, products or services.

Needless to say I am one of these people and received a call last week from the company that had entries as you went into the arena - All Seasons Travel. The prize was a "free" 10 day vacation and cruise for 2. After listening to all the wonderful places I was to visit came the slammer - no flight to origin of the trip (Orlando), port charges and taxes @ \$199.00 per person, plus another \$698.00 per person were all extra. All this was to be charged on my credit card. She was quite upset when I said no. I thought free was free, not another

\$1800.00.

How many others were approached and maybe gave out their credit card numbers? The police were informed but could do nothing as this is an American com-

pany. They took note and suggested that the Better Business Bureau and Corporate and Consumer Affairs be notified.

Margaret Hosegood

Trade Show Exhibitor's prize a scam?



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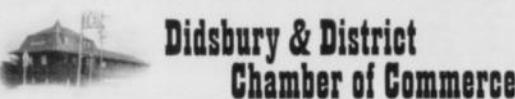
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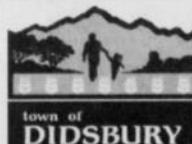
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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

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• DP 41-05	17 Westheights Dr.	Sunroom	R1

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Robert Wigg, Development Officer

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NEWS

Westglen students know Canadian Heritage

by Tamara Collins

Canadian Heritage is an important part of the grade 8 curriculum and this year at the 3rd Annual Heritage Fair students showed what they have learned about Canada, and helped to teach others.

Westglen School is proud to host this yearly event, which showcases the hard work of their students, and also gives them the opportunity to research any Canadian topic and share their findings with others.

"We really focus on the grade 8 because it really ties in with their curriculum," said Connie Visser, Westglen teacher and event organizer. "The students get to chose their own subject as long as it is Canadian based."

This year's Fair featured everything from lacrosse to body building to the discovery of insulin.

Robyn Lausen chose body building as her topic because her dad is a body builder and she had access to lots of information.

"My dad is a body builder and he had lots of information," said Lausen. "I thought it would be a neat thing to do."

Although Lausen is presently not body building, she says it could be in her future.

"I might start going to the gym, but it is really a comfort thing, the gym is not for everyone," said Lausen.

Rebecca Morrison and Paige Hopkins decided to do their project on Newfoundland.

"I went there this summer for the first time and I really liked it there," said Hopkins. "That is why I wanted to learn more about it."

For the first time in the Fair's history the discovery of insulin was chosen as a topic by Andrew Peterson.

"I am a insulin user so I already knew a lot about it," said Peterson. "I did not know before though, that there was a insulin inhaler that blows insulin right into your mouth. That is pretty cool."

No Canadian Historic Fair would be complete without the beaver, which Jonathan Guenther focused his project on.

"The beaver is a great part of Canada's history," said Guenther. "It started the whole fur trade."

Kelsey Mason and Jordyn Schmidt, who both admit to believing in ghosts, did their project on Haunted Canada. These girls featured different ghost stories from Canada's past in their work.

"It is a really interesting topic, and I have always believed," said Mason.

Ryan Hunter and Andrew Cobban are the ones to talk to if you have any questions about BSE, because researching their project gave these boys all the answers.

"BSE originated in Europe from sheep," said Cobban. "It got into cattle feed and that is how it was spread to cows. It is very spreadable to humans, but it could easily be defeated but people don't do it."

Cobban's family runs a feedlot and Hunter's family has a cattle farm.

"We were first going to do Canadian agriculture but that was too broad," said Hunter. "We were then going to do crop farming, then black angus, then we finally decided to do BSE."

Nathan Bunch did the Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump, and for his project he made a very detailed diorama. Sam Kilmury, Matthew Jaenen and Dillon Runions all did Lacrosse for their project, because it is a very popular Canadian sport.

"I am so proud of my students," said Visser. "They have done such a wonderful job." Community judges went out the evening of the

Fair to judge. Judges included teachers from the schools, Rick Mousseau Didsbury's fire chief, Greg Hnatuk community constable, and Chinook's Edge School Division chairman Roy Brassard.

The following students and their projects were selected by the judges to move on to Regionals in Red Deer May 6th and 7th; Kelly Fletcher (RCMP), Nathan Bunch (Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump), Kailey Leggette, Jessica Beach, Jessica Soule, (Lucy M. Montgomery), Shea Couture, Eare Blaholy, and Cole Sundberg (Frank Slide), Bailey Baerg, Alisha Meyer and Megan Wood (Canadian Pirates), Andrew Cobban and Ryan Hunter (BSE), Andrew Peterson (Discovery of Insulin), Kaitlyn Campbell, Carlee Krebs and Kristine Engel (Cirque du Soleil), Sarah Venneman, and Jessie Flynn (Wild Horses of Alberta), Kylee Beazley and Joelle Milne (Canadian Dis-

asters), Sarah Connolly (Famous Five), Jesse Byiers (Bluenose), and Allison McCulloch and Jenny Schneidmiller (Stampede).

These students have yet

to confirm they will attend Regionals. "The students did a fine job," said principal Phil Corning. "I can see they have put a lot of hard work into their projects."



Mary Overguard joins the students in some fun at the Westglen Heritage Fair.

-photos by Tamara Collins



Andrew Peterson is the first Westglen student to chose the discovery of insulin as a project theme.

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Isn't this the cutest picture! The four children are Frances, Alfred, Eileen, and Frank Durrer. They are laying in a bookcase... Eileen is the one with the big smile. Their father was Walter Durrer, a prominent business man in Didsbury who sold furniture in the front of his store and ran an undertaking business in the back.



Neighborhood

RCMP sharpen skills during Sundre training

by Dan Singleton

Members of the RCMP's elite southern Alberta emergency response team (ERT), as well as two members of the Calgary City Police Tactical Unit, spent a couple days last week training in the heavily-wooded area at the Diamond Buffalo Guest Ranch west of Sundre.

During the Rural Patrol Procedures and Tactics exercise the team members practised such things as defensive tactics, aggressive tactics, camouflage and concealment, firearms use, and other techniques.

Sundre RCMP Const. Jim Lank planned the two-day exercise.

"We do this at least once a year where we work on our bush tactics," said Lank, a 13-year veteran on the ERT. "It expands our ability to respond to a number of operational call outs and needs in a rural environment."

Members of the Calgary and RCMP units respond to high-risk situations such as hostage takings.

There are three RCMP ERT teams in Alberta, as well as tactical units in Calgary and Edmonton.

As well as the 12 members of each ERT team, support staff members such as radio operators and a dog team are also part of the squads. Each member has regular duties with the RCMP and volunteers with ERT.

The southern Alberta team responded to about 40 incidents last year.

More and more drug growing and manufacturing is moving from urban settings into rural areas - for example, a meth superlab busted at Cremona this spring - means more and more work for the ERT teams.

"Many of these things are located in wooded areas or farms and acreages," said Lank. "That applies to this type of training because just about everywhere you go there's mixed terrain and bush and woods and open areas. This training allows us to be more capable of investigating and responding to all situations, whether it be drug related or otherwise, like a domestic situation in a rural property."

When asked, Lank said the shooting death of four RCMP officers at Mayerthorpe on March 3 has not changed the way ERT trains or does things.

"It certainly solidifies the need

for police forces to be well prepared and well trained to respond to any incidents. Police forces, including emergency response teams, have to be very well trained and prepared to respond to these incidents. And this is one aspect of being prepared, this rural training."

Sundre RCMP Cpl. Rob Lidgett is a 10-year veteran on ERT. He said team members have to be ready to remain in place for extended periods of times, such as when a person is barricaded in a cabin in the woods.

"We have to be able to set up the perimeter and hold it," said Lidgett.

Paul Whattam, emergency response team coordinator for K Division (all of Alberta), said ERT training must take place in all types of environments and situations.

"We have to be ready for any conditions and any situations," said Whattam.

"Primarily emergency response teams are used for high-risk situations, typically armed and barricaded persons. You have to be ready for any situation."

Asked about the Mayerthorpe shooting and if it has impacted ERT training province-wide, he said, "I can't say it will change the emergency response team as a function and what they do and how they do it. Until that situation has been fully investigated and all the details are known, there's not much we can do."

The Red Deer and Edmonton ERT members were called to the Mayerthorpe scene after the shootings, while members of the southern Alberta team were put on stand-by but did not attend.

Calgary police Constables Justin O'Mahony and Jim Shaw joined the RCMP at Diamond Buffalo. They said cooperation between the units prepares everyone for possible future operations.

"At any point in time if the RCMP were in need of some assistance, we would be able to go out and have an understanding of how they work tactically," said O'Mahony.

Training in rural areas can apply to bush areas within the city, such as in Fish Creek Park, said O'Mahony.

"We have found that a lot of the criminal elements are moving out of the city to rural areas," said Shaw.

Constables Shaw and O'Mahony said they will be passing on lessons learned

this week to other members of the Calgary Police Tactical Unit.

Rick Erisman, owner of Diamond Buffalo, said he

welcomed the ERT team training at his property.

"It's fantastic," he said. "It's pretty exciting stuff. They involved me in some of

the events and I've been able to participate and I'm glad I know these guys from the right side of the law. It's amazing some of the technology they have out here."

Restoring the old to new



photo by Tamara Collins

Garrett Wenckowski worked hard to restore his 1969 Mustang with the help of his father.

by Tamara Collins

this was his first full restoration."

The two of them worked hard side by side for 15 months, almost five days a week.

"The first thing we did was rebuild the motor," said Wenckowski. "Next we stripped it and took off all the old parts. Then we sandblasted it, and replaced the fenders, quarter doors, and floors."

Before sending it off to be painted they finished by fixing the engine compartment.

In August the car was ready for the road.

"Mustangs are my

favorite car," said Wenckowski. "My car goes fast enough."

Next week Garrett will probably be out of town, but he says his parents will most likely put his car in the Show and Shine.

The next project for the Wenckowski boys will be a car for Garrett's brother Colby.

Although Wenckowski likes restoring as a hobby he says it is not what he wants to do as a career.

"My little brother helped us a bit too," said Wenckowski. "Next he is going to want one."

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At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Anna, our favorite and only granddaughter, will be one year old this month and the only thing that could increase my joy in her existence would be if her great grandma's were here to cuddle her. She is named Anna for my husband's mother, and great grandma Anna, and my mom, great grandma Martha, would have absolutely adored her. It's lovely to think that a part of them, and generations of grandmas on her dad's side too, live on in this perfect little person and especially at Mother's Day I feel some obligation to see that she at least knows who they were.

When our children were small I made practically everything they wore and when Anna's mom, Kirsten, was about a year old I bought pattern and fabric to make a smocked baby dress. I had never done this before and real smocking is a fairly complicated procedure but I had seen pictures of Grace Kelly's little princesses of Monaco in smocked dresses and what's good enough for Grace Kelly's kid is good enough for mine. So I learned to smock. The pattern was "Bishop style" which means that the entire yoke, front, back, upper and lower sleeves were gathered. It was a lot of work but I was happy enough with the result that I entered the dress in our Women's Institute Constituency Handicraft Competition.

A team of judges were hired to oversee the competition and rules were fairly strict. All items had to be in and clearly marked by 8:30 AM, everything had to conform to a Provincial Handicraft list, all items had to have been made in the 12 months preceding the event, the competitor's name was hidden until after judging, the judges would brook no interference, etc. etc. and no competitor was allowed in the Handicraft room while the judges were at work. My Mom was going to be a guest for lunch but she arrived early and began quietly checking out the Handicraft display. I was still in the business meeting or I would have discouraged her but maybe because she was a guest and not a competitor no one said anything and the judges were just about finished anyway. Unfortunately one of the last categories that they judged was smocking.

One of the judges held up Kirsten's little yellow dress and carefully examined the stitches. She held it out for her co-worker to see and observed, "the stitch widths are not absolutely perfect." "Well," my mother snapped, "it's the first one she ever did." Then realizing that she had spoken out of turn Mom turned on her heel and flounced off leaving the startled judges staring open-mouthed. When Mom told me what she had done I was totally mortified, but I got a first on the dress.

I have smocked a lot of baby dresses since then and I don't suppose any of them have been perfect but I have never finished one without thinking of Mom leaping to my defense, whether I needed it or not.

Today I started a smocked dress for Anna, the fabric is deep rose the smocking is pink and white. There will be matching panties and the set is made from the same pattern that I used for Kirsten when she was a baby. Long ago I sent away for twelve extra sets of dots and I have used all but two of them. I saved those in the hope that I might someday have a chance to smock a dress for my own granddaughter.

The dress is going to be fit for a princess. The only thing that would make it better would be if her great grandma's Anna and Martha were here to see her in it.

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by Noreen Olson

AROUND THE CIRCLE

May Monarch kicks off this week

by Marge St. Clair

Wed. May 4

The Annual Florence Nightingale tea is being held today from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in Unit #3 at the Didsbury Hospital.

May 4 - 10

If you have odd jobs you need done, yard work, windows cleaned etc. etc., call the Didsbury High School at 335-3356. This is May Monarch month and the students do jobs to raise money for their activities at the school.

Thurs. May 5

Eldon Foote Hall is the gathering place for all Seniors from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. This is also a birthday celebration for May, so everyone gets birthday cake after the activities and music.

Fri. May 6

The D & D Chamber of Commerce, who recently moved their office to the Train Station are having the grand opening from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Refreshments for all. This office also houses the Visitor Information Centre.

Sat. May 7

Downtown streets will be closed today to accommodate the vehicles arriving for "show and Shine" from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

You won't go hungry: the Scouts will have a booth at the Train Station. The Didsbury Royal Purple Ladies are selling lunch at the Elks Hall from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., the Lions Club will be working over their BBQ, a great day for the whole family.

Sat. May 7

St. Cyprian's A.C.W. will welcome you to the Annual Strawberry Tea, Bake Sale & Plant Sale starting at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Sun. May 8

The Didsbury Elks Club are having the 6th Annual Mother's Day breakfast at the Elks Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mothers and preschoolers free, flowers for Mom. Other admissions at the door. Everyone welcome.

Wed. May 11

There will be a Pot-luck dinner at the 5-0 Centre at 12:30 p.m. Bring your favorite meat dish, veggies, salad or dessert and enjoy!

Thurs. May 12

The Annual General Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Train Station at 7:00 p.m. There will be the election of officers, a tour of the new office facility and other short

business matters to be followed by refreshments and a light lunch.

Fri. May 13

Come to the 5-0 Club to start cabbage play at 7:00 p.m. Coffee and goodies served after cards.

Sat. May 14

Ready for some chuckwagon and Chariot Races? These will be on Sat. at 3:00 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. in Olds at the Fair Grounds. There is an admission fee and all proceeds are for the Horizon School in Olds.

Sat. May 14

Installation of officers for the Didsbury O.O.R.P. will be held tonight at the Elks Hall. The Elks Patrol Team will be escorting the ladies to their stations. Lunch will follow. Family & friends most welcome to attend.

Tues. May 17

Get your reservations now for the Mountain View Christian Women's Club Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym by

phoning Vicki 335-3500 or Margie at 335-3765. Free baby sitting is supplied by the Women's Club.

Wed. May 18

The Farmers Market season starts tonight at the Curling Rink from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Laura at 335-4252 has all the details.

Former students and teachers are invited to attend the 100th anniversary of the Jutland & Burnside schools being held at the Lone Pine Hall on the weekend of July 23 & 24/05. More information from Shirley Thompson 335-3787, Derek Page at 335-3044 or Lois Casebeer 337-2147. There will be lots of pictures, food reminiscing, a great time for all.

The Westerdale Reunion Tournament is being held on July 1st. All past participants of the Didsbury and District Fastball League are invited to attend. If you need more info please phone Brent Youngs 335-8222 or Ed Krebs 335-4560. The closing deadline for entries is Thurs., May 19th.

Didsbury Lions Club Soap Box Derby

Sat. June 18

an entry form when you pick up your kit.

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Taylors

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"We followed Dr. Yu's results and he now has over 90 patients from all over the world who have had improvement of their acuity, peripheral, color and night vision," said Judy. "We have each had two treatments now, and after one treatment Landon had a big improvement. Lowell's peripheral really changed and my nighttime vision improved. I could start to see light through the blind spots."

After the second treatment all their glasses changed because there was so much happening. Unfortunately there is a big downside to these treatments, which is they are not covered by Health Care because it is still in research stages. It costs approximately \$6000 per person for one treatment, including flights, accommodations, and everything, and these treatments must be done every three months for two years.

"It stops the deterioration

and brings the blood flow back to the eye," said Judy. "After one and a half years of treatment the electrical and blood are back in the eye and there are great improvements, even if you stop treatments then. If you stop your treatments before then you will start going back."

To complete their treatments the Taylors need approximately another \$108,000.

When Linda Sirr and Gordie Reimer heard the Taylor's story they wanted to help and they knew others from the area would too. Reimer Promotions decided to put on a benefit concert.

On May 28th two concerts will be held by the gospel group Sweet Presence, from B.C. and all proceeds will go to the Taylor family. The performances will take place at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

"This is one of Canada's best southern gospel groups," said Sirr. "All expenses have



Three members of the Taylor family from Carstairs are losing their eyesight to an eye condition called Retinitis Pigmentosa. Judy's father Ola Danielson and several other relatives have already gone permanently blind from RP, but now there is new hope. From left: Landon, Judy, Lowell and in front Ola.

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Straight From the Table

At a lively meeting, a number of key decisions were tackled

Molmac Remediation: Alberta Environment funding for this initiative has been approved up to a maximum of \$ 275,000. Council passed two motions – one to proceed with the initiative based on financing the balance of the project through a long term loan which will be recovered through a local improvement tax levied on Molmac residents. The second motion directs Council to revisit the formula for how the local improvement tax might be applied. This will be done prior to the next Council meeting. At this point, the majority of residents are in support of proceeding with the remediation on a cost sharing basis – however this is by no means unanimous.

Audited 2004 Financials: The accounting firm of Collins Barrows of Red Deer presented their Auditor's Report on the County's 2004 financials and indicated a clean bill of health for the way the County's financials are managed and controlled. A copy will be posted on the web site.

Municipal Infrastructure Funding: Mountain View County will receive \$12,071,520 over the next five years from the Alberta government as new infrastructure funding for spending over the next 10 years. A committee is being formed to bring recommendations back to Council. Any infrastructure spending will be aligned with the County's Long Term Road Plan.

Contribution to Olds College: Council approved a recommendation to provide a \$10,000 cash grant to Olds College for research on a Bio-Gas initiative study. Participating residents of the County will receive an analysis of their waste streams, and data collected in this phase of the project will also provide a baseline for land use documents in the County.

Rural Community Grants: Council approved a number of Rural Community Grants for local public initiatives in the County. For a list of the grants, see the web site.

Building Update: 95% of the drywall is in, carpet and floor tiling is underway, plumbing is in the works and windows and glazing are completed. Total funds spent to date are: \$ 2,846,618. Repairs as the result of the fire have been made for a cost of \$ 2000 which was paid by the Contractor's insurance.

Garbage in the Ditches: Area residents are asked to keep an eye out for those pitching garbage into the ditches - especially large items like appliances and furniture. Please see the web site for a detailed listing of approved disposal sites or call 403-335-2005 or 403-556-8120.

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been underwritten so all the money collected will go to the Taylors and their treatments."

Both concerts are free with a donation for the Taylors.

"If we all extend our hands of help to Judy and her family we can make a difference," said Sirr. "Didsbury, Carstairs, Olds, Sundre, this whole area is full of people who like to help others."

One in every 3500 Albertans faces blindness from RP.

If you would like to assist the Taylors in getting their eye treatments you can also make a donation to any Alberta Treasury Branch, and tell them it is for the Taylor Eye Treatment account.

Landon has started his own business to pay for his own treatments, and says he would like all the money raised to go towards his mother and brother's treatments.

"Each small change is like a miracle to us, but it is very gradual," said Judy. "We trust we can somehow find the funds to continue our treatments, in order to fund the scientific research needed that will save the vision for so many Canadians."

After Dr. Yu treats 100 patients he can show scientific proof that these treatments work, and in the future the treatments can be available for anyone with RP without such high costs.

"This was a big step for us," said Judy. "The boys came to me when they were ready to start these treatments. We were suffering silently for so long, it helps to talk about it. It is also difficult for us to accept help from others, but I know it's what we have to do."

Faces



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by Tamara Collins

Craven rewarded for dedication to sport



Lyle Craven

Didsbury's own Lyle Craven will be inducted into the Rural Sports Hall of Fame in Saskatchewan for his life dedication to both playing and coaching sports.

The official induction will take place on June 3rd in Indian Head, Saskatchewan.

"I was just blown away I did not even believe it," said Craven. "I didn't want to tell people cause I didn't think it was real."

Craven admits to being a sports fanatic all his life. He first started playing sports after his family moved to town from their farm.

"It was hard to play any sports when I was out of town, but once I moved I started playing soccer, hockey and curling," said Craven.

Craven continued to play these sports through grade 12. Craven then went on to curl in Provincial School Boys playdowns in Saskatoon.

At 16 years old Craven also played senior hockey with the Aylsham Lions of the Carrot River Hockey League.

In 1952 he attended the Humboldt Indians Jr. hockey team tryouts led by Scott Bowman in Sept./Oct. 1952. At age 17 he joined the

Prince Albert Triple A juvenile hockey team and played nine games with the Prince Albert Mintoos of the Sask. Junior Hockey League.

When playing for the Aylsham Lions hockey team in the 53-54 season, Craven earned All Star right winger position in the Carrot River Valley Hockey League.

Craven then moved to Alberta where he played baseball. He was then transferred back to Saskatchewan where he played baseball one summer with the Yorkton Phillies, and won the league trophy called the Garry Cup.

In 1956 Craven moved to Beechy, Sask. and played hockey with the Beechy Bombers of the Coteau Hills Hockey League for

five years. That year he made the All-Star team and his team won the Intermediate C Provincial and League championships. Also that year he coached and played senior baseball and coached minor ball.

Craven continued to participate in many different sporting events in Saskatchewan and B.C. till he moved to Didsbury in 1975. Here he took up curling and played slo-pitch.

Craven has curled in provincial playdowns in three categories; mens, seniors and masters. He was also ice maker at the Didsbury Curling Club for nine years.

Craven started coaching junior and senior curling about 12 years ago, and he presently still does.

Just last month Craven got the exciting opportunity

to introduce curling to the Japanese delegates that visited Didsbury.

"One thing is for sure, they all went home knowing what in and out meant," said Craven. "Through the game they really liked saying it everytime."

Over the past 27 years Craven has coordinated zone and district playdowns in southern Alberta in various youth, junior, mixed, senior and masters, and also served on a variety of sports organization executives.

Craven's wife Kathy says they have been married 48 years and she has always known that sports was his first love.

"He loves curling, hockey, baseball and then me," said Kathy. "We watch sports together though, I am proud of him."

Mother's Day breakfast

The Didsbury Elks will be hosting their 6th annual Mother's Day Breakfast next Sunday, May 8th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This community event will take place at the Elk's Hall on Main St. and everyone is welcome! Mothers and pre-schoolers get in free,

children 12 and under are \$2, and everyone else is \$4.

"This is a public community function," said Elks secretary Don Neal. "This is not a fund-raiser, it is an event hosted for the community." If you are looking for a way to say thanks to your mom, why not say it with a

free breakfast. All mothers will also be given a flower. "It is just a nice way to show your mom some appreciation, have a nice breakfast, and socialize with the community," said Neal. "There will be lots of seating, so there is room for everyone."

Approximately 100 people can be seated at one time in the Hall. Last year the breakfast served over 400 people. "We will serve hot cakes, sausages, juice, coffee, and milk," said Neal. "We are very pleased to be able to serve the community in this manner."



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WI Update

Thirteen members and three guests attended our most interesting April 27th, Jackson WI meeting at the Sundre Museum. Curator Marilyn MacKay-Waddell welcomed us warmly, giving us a brief outline of the history of the museum. President Ev. Robertson welcomed the ladies after we sang "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", and repeated the Mary Stewart Collect. Ev. read a pertinent article on the origin of the Collect. Our Roll Call "You Favourite Quotation" brought forth an amazing array of answers from members and guests, Dorothy Montgomery, Betty Thomas and Janet Schinkel: "Life is what you make it, always has been, always will be;" "Always wear clean underwear;" "Don't wait for a crisis to find out what is important in life;" "If you can't say something nice, don't say it at all;" "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you;" John Lennon's quote, Life is what happens when you make other plans;" "Trust in God but tie up your camel;" "If you want something done ask a busy person;" "Love many, trust few, always paddle your own canoe;" "No man was ever shot when he was doing dishes;" "Live each day as if it were your last;" "Things done in halves are not done right;" "If your mind goes blank, don't forget to turn off the sound" - and others!

Much discussion arose over the FWL.C. Ranch Project with the result that action on it will be tabled until the May meeting with hopes of clarification in the interim. Our new Wild Rose Constituency Council has met in a brainstorming session choosing Jo Hutchinson as chairperson, Pat Van Tetering as secretary and Marie Olson as treasurer. They plan to meet again after the A.WI Conference in June. Dorit and Toni Bennet will be our Council

Noreen Olson reminisced that we have had no update or action on a former resolution asking for a law to make reflective tape mandatory on all train cars. Lita will contact Myron Thompson to see if further action can be taken.

Jo Hutchinson will deliver our Handicrafts to Camrose, please by May 25th. Under her topic of Education and Cultural Affairs, Bernice Farr, read us a humorous account of "Bringing Up Baby", different modes for different generations.

Ev. adjourned the meeting.

Curator Marilyn then introduced Chester Mjolsness who proceeded to tell us a little about the animals gracing the museum. As this 84 year young gentleman is so humble, Jim Waddell interjected to inform us that Chester is not only a Grand Slam Hunter, with Dahl Sheep, Stone's, Rocky

Mountain Bighorn, and Desert Bighorns, he has attained Super Slam Status. He now has the five most coveted African mounts:

African leopard, Cape Buffalo, a Botswana elephant and lion, plus a rhinoceros (which he shot with a tranquillizer gun and measured its dimensions then freed it, a replica of it would be made back home). We were excited to see stuffed specimens of an Armenian

Mouflon, Transcasian Urial, Persian Ibex, and South African Springbok, only to name a few. He has collected 150 specimens most of which will be featured in a new building which will be open July of '06. Mr. Mjolsness was most engaging and we all enjoyed viewing just one of the fascinating exhibits at the Sundre Museum.

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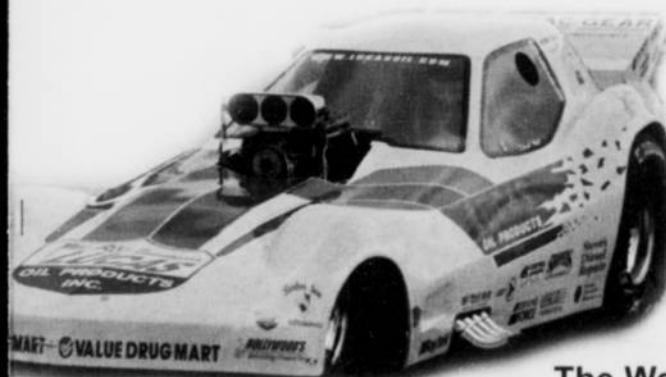


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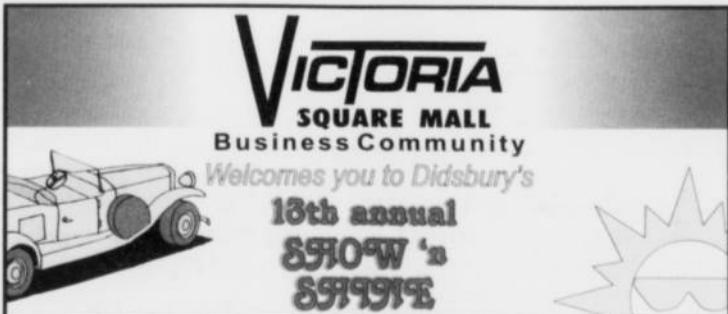


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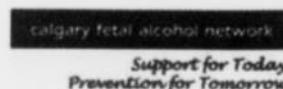
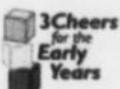
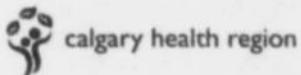
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Write An Opinion

Dear Editor,
I am writing in response to the letter published in the March 16, 2005 issue of the Didsbury Review entitled "Local Stores Should Not Remain Open On Sundays". Truly our society has become one that demands we get what we want when we want it. Why must we have it on Sunday? Can't we wait until Monday? I believe that our customers will remain loyal to our town because we treat them with true sincerity and respect, not because we stay open late on Sundays. Let's show some respect for the employees by allowing them one day off to be with family, relax and refresh. I personally enjoy driving through Didsbury on the way home from church and not seeing a single car downtown. If stores were open that most likely wouldn't be the case.

Our small town has values. That's one of our main attractions. What if we were to loose that attraction? Just think, our town is 100 years old. One hundred years ago life was fine. Nobody died from the lack of tooth paste or mouthwash because stores were closed on Sunday. What's changed since then?

Brenna Hartmann
Grade 7

Creative Classifieds

Once upon a time there was a family who wanted a truck and some dogs. They looked at Ford, GMC, Dodge, and Chevy dealerships. The family needed a vehicle. After they did not find anything at the dealerships, they looked in the newspaper. They found a classified ad for a Chevy Z71 1/2 Ton 4X4. Then the children found a classified ad for Labrador retriever Chocolate puppies. After finding this ad for the puppies, the children begged and pleaded with mom and dad to buy these puppies. Mom and dad told the children they could have a puppy.

THE END
Shane Klassen

But first of all, we need to buy a vehicle. So we will go and buy the truck from the ad we found. We will then go and pick out a trailer. After that they went to pick out and buy the puppy. Once they had the truck and trailer, they loaded the puppy and children. They then went out west to Burnt Timber to go hunting.

Kyle Basarab

One sunny day there was a sign to buy bulls. The phone number 387-6909 I saw some body buy two bulls, and someone bought 4 bought four bulls and someone bought 8 bulls. There were cows but there were not very many cows. But there as one bull left and people were fighting over one bull left. All of the phones were busy, very busy. It was very hard to pickup lots of phones there were less people were calling on Saturday and Sunday. It was NOT FUN picking up lots of phones. I went home to soak my feet and put an ice pack on my head every day at work. Everyone had a conversation and they let one person that really needed it. And that were fighting over all cows. I stopped the fighting right there I gasped I can not talk any more!!! My head hurts. STOP! I CAN'T Talk it more.

Casey Harper

One day my neighbour's cat had two female kittens. But they could not keep them because the owner said only one animal in the house. They put a classified ad in the newspaper. It said, "kittens to give away to a good home two females black and white call 335-3246". They were very, very cute. They had to get rid of them fast. Then one day I asked if I could have them and they said sure but my dad said NO! Then the next day someone phoned and they wanted the black kitten. So she got a good home. But what about the other one? She would not get a good home. That night I asked my dad if I could have it but he said NO! But the next day someone phoned for the white one. Both kittens got a good home and my neighbours cat never had any more kittens after that.

A guy was sleeping and in the middle of the night he heard Fwump! Fwump! and he said what's that noise? Then he found out that it was his washing machine so he said I need to sell this thing. So he opened a garage sale and tried to sell his washing machine for \$145.00. When the day was over he still hadn't sold that washing machine. So he went to bed with the washing machine outside. He went to bed and the next day the washing machine was gone. All his money was gone too so he had to get a job @ the picford group and got enough money to buy a new washing machine that was quiet. So he said good day to his company and said something bad about his boss and his boss said hit the road! So he went home and told his wife that he was fired. So he had start a new job at the washing machine shop. He sold a very loud washing machine that sounded familiar.

the end
Ryan Dodyk

came a Christian, all because of Joseph and Joshua!

Renee Penner

Once upon a time there was a family called the Adams family. They were going to move because their house was a mess and old, really old. So they packed and then they waited and waited. Finally the truck came. We lived in New York and the house was in New York, too. But the house was next door and the kids Alex and Cindy were like our parents are. Nuts. They are out of their minds. Then they put it all in the truck. The truck drivers thought it was in Las Vegas.

They asked the Adams' family and they said the Adams' family and they said, "Right over there it is the blue one." so you guys are just wasting money on us. So said Cindy I don't care we are so rich we went to go in the safe and there was no money only \$50,000.00. They did not think that was enough so they showed then the money and they moved. They loved it and they lived happily ever after.

by Mikayla Latour

Once upon a time a man named Ed, and his wife named Rita. Lived on a farm.

One day Rita said, "We have too much round hay bales." "Ya, we do." Ed said, "Hay I know what to do." "What?" asked Rita. "We can sell some of them!" said Ed. Then the kids came running out, the oldest ones name was Emily and the youngest one's name was Brock. "What's happening out here?" Emily asked, "Ya." Brock said, "We're just having a conversation." Rita and Ed said, "It sounded like you were going to sell something to me," said Emily. "You're sure good listeners."

Ed said, "Why?" Brock asked, "Because we were going to sell some Round-hay-bales." "Why?" asked Brock. "Because we have to many round hay bales." "How much are you going to sell them for?" Emily asked. "\$50 per one," Ed said. "You sure, I think it should be 70 per one," Emily replied. "Well I think that's stupid!" Brock yelled.

"Actually Brock that's not a bad idea," Rita said. "I guess it's settled then, \$70 per one!"

So you see that's the story of the Round-hay-bales.

Emily Krebs

One day a tall guy named Tom said, "I have to many round hay bales!" His wife Betty said, "Well bust my sprockets we do!" What should we do, replied Tom? Betty said, "Let's sell some of them!" Excellent idea replied Tom. The next day they phoned the paper guy and told him they would like a add in the paper. They were only worth \$10.00 per bale. The next day bales were selling like mad! The next day the sold them till the afternoon. Betty and Tom said, "We have enough bales too get through the rest of winter!" Then they found out they had enough money to buy an out house! Then they lived happily ever after!

Nicholas Rutley

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Focus on the Family



QUESTION: Our school psychologist said she thinks our son is suffering from childhood depression. My goodness! The kid is only 9 years old. Is it reasonable that this could be his problem?

DR. DOBSON: We used to believe that depression was exclusively an adult problem, but that understanding is changing. Now we're seeing signs of serious despondency in children as young as 5 years old.

Symptoms of depression in an elementary school child may include general lethargy, a lack of interest in things that used to excite him, sleep disturbances, chewed fingernails, loss of appetite and violent emotional outbursts. Other common reactions are complaints of stomach pain and low tolerance to frustration of any kind.

If depression is a problem for your child, it is symptomatic of something else that is bothering him. Help him verbalize feelings. Try to anticipate the explanation for sadness and lead the youngster into conversations that provide an opportunity to ventilate. Make yourself available to listen, without judging or belittling the feelings expressed. Simply being understood is soothing for children and adults alike.

If the symptoms are severe or if they last more than two weeks, I urge you to take the advice of the school psychologist, and seek other professional help for your son. Prolonged depression can be destructive for human beings of any age, and it is especially dangerous to children.

QUESTION: How would you go about telling a child he or she is adopted, and when should that disclosure occur?

DR. DOBSON: First, begin talking to your toddlers about their adoption before they can understand the meaning of the words. That way there will never be a moment when disclosure is necessary. To learn of adoption from a neighbor or another family member can be an awful shock to an individual. Don't risk the devastation of a later discovery by failing to take the sting out of the issue in babyhood.

Second, celebrate two birthdays with equal gusto each year: the anniversary of her birth, and the anniversary of the day she became your daughter. That is a handy mechanism by which the fact of adoption can be introduced. It also provides a way to equalize the status of siblings. Biological children have a psychological advantage, which they sometimes lord over their adopted brother or sister. That one-upmanship is neutralized somewhat when the adopted child gets a second birthday.

Third, present the adoptive event as a tremendous blessing (as implied above) that brought great excitement to the household. Tell about how badly you and your wife wanted a baby to hold even though it looked like you wouldn't get to raise another boy or girl. Then describe how the news came that "you had arrived," and how the whole family celebrated and cheered. Let your child know your delight when you first saw him lying in a crib, and how cute he looked in his blue blanket, etc. Tell him that his adoption was one of the happiest days of your life, and how you raced to the telephone to call all your friends and family members to share the fantastic news. (Again, I'm assuming that these details are true.)

This is the point: The child's interpretation of the adoptive event is almost totally dependent on the manner in which it is conveyed during the early years. Most certainly, one does not want to approach the subject sadly, admitting reluctantly that a dark and troublesome secret must now be confessed.

Fourth, when the foundation has been laid and the issue is defused, forget it. Don't constantly remind the child of his uniqueness to the point of foolishness. Mention the matter when it is appropriate, but don't reveal anxiety or tension by constantly throwing adoption in the child's face. Youngsters are amazingly perceptive at "reading" these thinly disguised attitudes.

I believe it is possible, by following these common sense suggestions, to raise an adopted child without psychological trauma or personal insult.

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What about the teen years? Is it possible for parents to influence the positive development of their children after they hit puberty? Can parents possibly compete with adolescent culture, peer pressure and the media? Many parents today have their doubts.

But according to Dr. Mary Penner, who will conduct an *Understanding Your Teenager* seminar at the Zion Church, Didsbury, AB on Saturday, May 14, the answer is a resounding "yes!" Parents who understand what's going on in the lives of their children during adolescence—and who are willing to apply a few simple parenting principles—will remain the most important in the lives of their kids—even during their teenage years.

There's no such thing as a perfect parent, of course, but all parents can become a little better than they are right now. It's simply not enough for parents to cross their fingers and hope for the best. Every parent can benefit from the kind of help and

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tions to help every parent navigate the rough waters of adolescence. Parents will also learn how to avoid common parenting mistakes and to do those "little things" that reap big results in the lives of teenagers.

Among the questions that will be addressed at *Understanding Your Teenager*: What kind of behavior should I expect from my teenager?

See "Teenagers" Page 24

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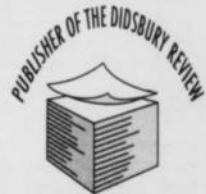
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Friends Helping A Pregnant Friend Avoid Alcohol

By Shelley Repka, Project Manager

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) is completely avoidable if mothers abstain from drinking alcohol while pregnant. Every day one child is born with FASD and in 2003 it was reported that over 3,000 babies were born in Canada with FASD according to Health Canada's website. The extent to which rural communities are affected with FASD is not clear. Different communities are affected at different rates, since communities vary in social, economic and geographical environments and in cultural attitudes towards alcohol consumption.

It may be difficult for women to avoid alcohol especially if women are young and influenced by their friends who are doing the party thing. However, research has shown that it may be a whole lot easier if those friends are caring and supportive.

Research from the World Health Organization (Global Status Report on Alcohol, 2004) has shown that peer re-

lationships are very important to people. The following are five (5) key elements why friends are important, according to the University of Illinois at Chicago website:

1) Friendships provide young people with opportunities to develop conflict resolution skills.

2) Friends provide fun and excitement through companionship and recreation

3) Friends also give advice to one another. People talk through lots of issues and problems with their friends

4) Loyalty is a valued trait in friendship. People are looking for loyal allies that can help them out at school, work or in their own neighbourhood

5) Friendships also provide stability during times of stress or transition. It is helpful to have a friend who is going through the same situations and can ease the anxieties of the times

The Calgary Fetal Alcohol Network (CFAN), in partnership with the Calgary Health Region (CHR), has developed a unique campaign for the Calgary area about **friends helping friends avoid alcohol when pregnant**. This cheerful, positive campaign

is now being expanded to the Rural and Aboriginal Communities. The main population of interest is over 244,000 youth aged 16 to 24 years old.

The main messages are, "friends helping friends", "no alcohol is best when pregnant" and "friends caring for pregnant friends." The supportive, positive, empowering tone, and the focus on both young women and young men, has made this a lively and fresh approach. The campaign goal is to reduce the number of babies born with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) through a social marketing awareness campaign.

A Youth Working Group was struck in the fall of 2004 and over 20 young people came together. They continue to work on the campaign as they prepare for the launch in May. Youth have been carefully involved in all stages of the campaign planning and implementation. "I'm involved since I have some friends who are FASD affected. FASD may be preventable if friends helped their pregnant friends in healthy and supportive ways", said Megan Snider, Youth Working Group member.



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Citizens on Patrol

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Growing Opportunities

"GO" is a Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program that offers services to pregnant women and teens. Staff are on site every second Friday. 335-7292.

5-0 Club Hall Rentals

For hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Bea Niedersteiner 335-3058.

DIDSBURY

Free Family Movie Night
May 6th & 7th at 7:00 p.m. Showing "Walking Across Egypt". Small concession available. For more information call 335-8132.

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party
Wednesday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Rosebud Hall. All ladies welcome.

Antique and Arms Show
Sundre Hockey Arena June 11 & 12. Vendor information phone 637-2459.

Didsbury & District Community Bus Trip
Cash Casino Calgary on May 5/05. Cost \$10.00. Bus leaves the Complex at 10 a.m. Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

Plant Exchange
Wednesday, May 11 at the Bergthal Mennonite Church from 7 - 9 p.m. For more info call Lorelei at 335-4035 or Betty at 337-2134.

Padnoma Grocery Service
Padnoma Support Services along with Didsbury Ag Foods are providing grocery shopping and delivery service to the Didsbury community. Orders taken mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and afternoons 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. by phoning 556-1026. WE offer shopping and delivery or fill your own order and want delivery only.

AAA Pee Wee Baseball
Boys in Central Alberta interested in playing AAA PeeWee baseball should phone Ed Wicks 1-403-638-3962 for more information.

Bike Demo Competition
May 14th, Twenty 26. The local bikers are showing what they have to offer at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. You can participate too. From 12 - 5. Call 335-8303.

Seniors RV Club
Seniors RV Club seeks new members. Affordable, local area, midweek camping. For more information call 946-5150, 948-0789, 289-8365.

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Didsbury's 43rd Annual Open Horse Show
July 9 & 10, 2005. Didsbury Exhibition Grounds. For more information contact Mandy Whiteside 403-556-6098 or www.didsburyagsociety.com

Didsbury RCMP Regimental Spring Ball

Sat. May 14 at MP room at Complex. Cocktails 5-6 p.m., Dinner 6:00 p.m., Entertainment 8-9 p.m., Grand March 9:15 p.m., Dancing 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Proceeds to STARS. Tickets available at the Didsbury RCMP detachment Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MIDWAY

Centennial Project
Midway School would like to invite former staff, students and community members to join us at the school, Wed. May 11 at 1:00 p.m. to help with our Alberta Education Centennial School History Project, If Walls Could Speak. RSVP 337-2888 by Tues. May 10.



ONGOING EVENTS

DIDSBURY

SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings now held on the 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBUY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

DIDSBUY MUSEUM

New Fall hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Joan Court at 335-8392 or Larry Hunsperger at 335-3284.

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library. (Closed for the Summer) The Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Keri at 335-9928.

A.A.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Knox United Church, Mondays 10:11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-9107 or 335-9372 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 335-4281

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mt. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

DIDSBUY PRESCHOOL

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday mornings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 556-3807 for information.

DIDSBUY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

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Meetings on the first Monday of each month from October to June, at 7:30 p.m. in Olds. Call Sue at 335-9477 for more information.

Mountain View

Mens Floor Hockey

We play Friday nights at 7:00 at Deer Meadows School in Olds. 16+. Call Byron 335-2229.

Sundre Toastmasters

Meetings every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Sundre. Call Sue at 335-9477 for more information.

Teenagers *continued from page 17*

What should I do when my teenager refuses to participate in family activities? Is teenage rebellion inevitable? How can it be prevented? What is the best method of disciplining teenagers? How can I help my teenager choose the right friends? How can I help my teenager become a more self-reliant person? How can I help my teenager grow spiritually? All these questions and more will be addressed during the three-hour seminar, which will be presented in the two 75-minute sessions. In addition, parents who attend will receive an informative 48-page booklet containing dozens of articles, tips and guidelines for parenting teenagers.

Understanding Your Teenager will be presented by Dr. Marv Penner. He is an interna-

tional-known author, professor, motivational speaker and youth ministry expert. Marv is the Executive Director of the Canadian Center for Adolescent Research, an organization which conducts research on Canadian youth culture. He is also a member of the Youth Specialties National Resource Seminar Team and a frequent speaker at the National Youth Workers Convention. In addition to his teaching, speaking and writing, Marv is a licensed marriage and family counsellor specializing in parent/adolescent conflict resolution, sexual abuse recovery, eating disorders and marriage and family issues. The seminar will begin at **6:30 p.m.** and the cost is **\$10/person or \$15/couple**. All parents of teens and preteens are invited to attend.



Skate Park relocated

photo by Tamara Collins

The Didsbury Skate Park has been moved to a new location, it is now on the west side of the Memorial Complex. The park was moved permanently because too much damage was happening to the fence of the ball diamonds near the old location.

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